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SUBJECT: MARCH 14, THE 73RD DAY OF THE OFFENSIVE

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1. SUMMARY. THE MAIN ATTACKING ELEMENT MADE MAJOR PROGRESS TOWARD TUOL LEAP, NORTHWEST OF THE AIRPORT, AND REPORTED KILLING OVER 100 KC. NEAK LUONG AGAIN TOOK VERY HEAVY ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND ATTACKS ON ITS EASTERN PERIMETER AND ON ITS WESTERN PERIMETER ACROSS THE MEKONG. POCHENTONG ONLY TOOK 23 ROCKETS AND SIX 105MM HOWITZER ROUNDS WITH NO REPORTED EFFECT. LON NOL HAS OFFERED AMNESTY TO DESERTERS WHO REPORT IN WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS. TWO ROCKETS EXPLODED NEAR FRENCH-RUN CALMETTE HOSPITAL WITH NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. A THIRD ROCKET LANDED FURTHER NORTH WOUNDING TWO PEOPLE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MAIN ATTACKING ELEMENT MOVED FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO WITHIN THREE AND ONE-HALF KILOMETERS OF TUOL LEAP AGAINST STIFF RESISTANCE. THE KOMPONG SPEU-BASED SECTION
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OF THE MAIN ELEMENT MOVED SMOOTHLY NORTH BUT THE SECOND

DIVISION SEGMENT RAN INTO HEAVY OPPOSITION AT A FORTIFIED
WAT. INITIAL FANK REPORTS CLAIM 100 KC KILLED, 7 ROCKETS
CAPTURED AND MANY WEAPONS SEIZED.

3. NEAK LUONG AND BANAM AGAIN REPORTED HUNDREDS OF ROUNDS
OF INCOMING 105MM HOWITZER , 107MM ROCKET, 75MM RECOILLESS
RIFLE, 120 AND 82MM MORTAR FIRE. THE ROUNDS KILLED 33
PEOPLE AND WOUNDED 65. THE KC AGAIN ATTACKED BOTH THE
TOWN'S EASTERN PERIMETER AND THE FERRY SLIP ON THE WEST
BANK OF THE MEKONG.

4. PRESIDENT LON NOL HAS OFFERED AMNESTY TO ALL DESERTERS
WHO REPORT IN WITHIN TEN DAYS. RANK AND PAY WILL REMAIN
THE SAME UNDER CONDITIONS OF THE AMNESTY.

5. POCHENTONG AIRPORT AND VICINITY TOOK TWENTY-THREE 107MM
ROCKETS AND SIX 105MM HOWITZER ROUNDS OVER THE PAST
24 HOURS. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE HAVE BEEN REPORTED.
TWO ROCKETS LANDED HARMLESSLY NEAR CALMETTE HOSPITAL IN
NORTHERN PHNOM PENH. A THRID ROCKET EXPLODED NORTH OF THE
HOSPITAL INJURING TWO PEOPLE.

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